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MEMORANDUM FOR:   
Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT : Intelligence Sources and Methods.

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1. I have reviewed your list of aspects that require protection from unauthorized disclosure. It seems to me it covers rather completely the items mentioned by our offices. I do not think we have anything to add at this point. Your categories do seem to cover all the specific matters that warrant protection.

2. There is one problem, however, that I frankly don't know how to suggest handling. Seven of your items (Nos. 4, 11, 12, 13, 26, 27, and 43) seem to be broad enough to encompass information and/or associations that we presently regard as unclassified and that really need no protection.

-- Item 26, for example, might apply to some contractors and consultants whose association with DDI offices is no secret. I would think Item 54 is more appropriately worded insofar as DDI consultants are concerned.

-- Item 27 would, I presume, protect sensitive dealings among agencies such as in the SIGINT field, but wouldn't it also cover such presently unclassified activities as preparing and coordinating the Central Intelligence Bulletin and preparing interagency memos under the auspices of the NIO?

-- Item 43 refers to "the particular intelligence interest" of the Agency. There are some subjects, however, in which our interest is obvious and does not need to be kept secret.

3. Another minor matter: I am not quite sure what Item 45 is meant to cover.

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4. The above concerns may be irrelevant if the directive that grows out of this exercise is worded in such a way as to allow the classifying official some discretion as to whether or not to classify.


5. What's the next step?



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